

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR RH US UK ZA  
SUBJ: SITHOLE REQUESTS US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REF: LUSAKA 1560

1. AFTER GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP (REFTEL), SITHOLE ASKED HIS TOW FOLLOWERS TO LEAVE THE ROOM. HE THEN ASKED ME TO PASS ALONG TO THE DEPARTMENT A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HE SAID HE NEEDED MONEY TO LURE AWAY FROM ZAPU CAMPS IN ZAMBIA YOUNG MEN WHO WERE AT HEART LOYAL TO HIM. THEY ONLY STAYED WITH ZAPU BECAUSE THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. HIS PURPOSE IN BRINGING THESE YOUNG MEN INTO THE ZANU FOLD WOULD BE TO WEAKEN THE MILITARY CAPABILITY OF NKOMO. EVERYONE KNEW, HE SAID, NKOMO WAS BUILDING HIS MILITARY STENGTH IN ORDER TO START A CIVIL WAR ONCE ZIMBABWE IS FREE. IF SITHOLE COULD HAVE ACCESS TO FUNDS, HE COULD UNDERMINE NKOMO'S ABILITY TO CREATE MISCHIEF ONCE INDEPENDENCE IS ACHIEVED.

2. I TOLD SITHOLE I COULD NOT GIVE HIM ENCOURAGEMENT, BUT I WOULD PASS HIS REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT. SITHOLE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE AN ANSWER EITHER NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE. I SAID THAT AN ANSWER WOULD PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING BUT COULD NOT SAY WHEN. CLINGERMAN  
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